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Honorable Edward J. Bauser Executive Director Joint Committee on Atomic Energy Congress of the United States Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Bauser:

This is in response to your letter of January 4, 1972, referring to our letter of December 23, 1971, which in turn referenced your inquiry of October 12, 1971.

You again pose the question whether or not during the past three years any information was obtained by the United States Government from Soviet defectors concerning intelligence or sabotage activities by the Soviet Union against the United States, the United Kingdom, or any nations in the NATO alliance, which, in any way, related to personnel or nuclear weapons or nuclear propulsion.

We had intended to answer that question in the negative, although we may have inadvertently omitted specials reference to Soviet intelligence against NATO. We have again reviewed the matter and must report that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the answer is no, we do not have any such information obtained from Soviet defectors concerning intelligence or sabotage activities and bearing upon nuclear weapons, or nuclear propulsion or personnel involved, either in NATO, the United States, or the United Kingdom.

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General Manager

Sincerely,

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